

OPPOSITION TO 2 NEW JUDGES DELAYS LOWER D. C. GAS RATES

By BILL PRICE.

One year ago the arguments were completed before Judge Gould, of the District Supreme Court, in the case of the Potomac Electric Light and Power Company, in its appeal from the action of the Public Utilities Commission in ordering a reduction of electric light rates in Washington from 10 cents to 8 cents a kilowatt. Six months before that the com-

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We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.
The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleanses out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with indigestion, constipation, sluggishness or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation.

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The head of every family that values the health should keep in the house a package of Dr. Carter's K. and B. Tea.
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Band Concerts.

BY THE U. S. SOLDIERS' HOME BAND, IN STANLEY HALL, THIS EVENING, BEGINNING AT 8:15 O'CLOCK.
JOHN S. M. ZIMMERMAN, Director.
March, "The Grand Reunion."
Overture, "Raymond," Zimmerman.
Idyl, "Among the Roses," Lake.
Excerpts from "The Heart Breaker," Gieson.
Patrol Patriotic, "The Spirit of America," Zamecnik.
Valse Hilarieuse, "Romberg."
Finale, "Camouflage," Lampe.
"The Star Spangled Banner."

mission had ordered the reduction. To prevent the reduction becoming effective, the company asked for an injunction before Judge Gould, claiming that it was destructive of property rights, and not fair or in accordance with the valuations of the properties of the concern.
The injunction was granted, but an agreement was reached that until Judge Gould and the highest courts passed upon the question of the fairness of the new rates, and their alleged confiscation, the company should continue to bill customers at the old rates, but deposit in a fund the difference between the old and new rates out of which users of electric light should be repaid should the new rates of the commission be upheld.

The company has now in that repayment fund between \$300,000 and \$400,000, which is likely to grow to more than \$1,000,000 before an ultimate decision is reached in the higher courts.

He Needs Assistance.
Judge Gould is expected to render his decision some time in the near future. He has been working upon the case—working hard, too—but he has been so bothered by continuous judicial work upon other cases that he has been unable to concentrate upon this most important one. Which brings forward the fact that Congress deliberately declines to grant the two additional justices of the Supreme Court of the District necessary to give litigants before that court a chance to have their cases passed upon.

The Senate more than sixteen months ago passed a bill providing for two additional justices for the court. It has stuck in the House. Representative J. Hampton Moore and others having reached an understanding to fight all bills providing additional Federal judges anywhere. With no friends in the House who are a rap for its interests, the District is helpless to obtain the relief so seriously needed in its courts.
The fact may be true that in the past Congress has passed bills for additional judges which merely made places for political appointees, and that Republicans may want to stop Democrats from obtaining these advantages, but serious conditions exist in the District courts that ought to be remedied, regardless of the motives back of those who oppose more judges.

Over Two Years Behind.
When Judge Covington left the District bench nearly a year ago to resume the private practice of law, the dockets of that court were congested as in no other court of the land. The court was then and is now more than two years behind in clearing its dockets, and will continue to get further behind until something is done to alter the situation. All legal interests in the District are suffering thereby, and the number of litigants who may be heavy losers by delay multiply right along. Many hundreds of important cases are hanging.

This congestion in the Supreme Court enabled three or four thousand tenants to stave off eviction during the war and up to this time. In that respect the situation might have been beneficial. It was known that appeals in these tenant cases could not be disposed of for two years or more, and that tenants who were prepared to fight decisions of the Municipal Court for eviction were assured of remaining in their homes or rooms for long periods.

Electric Light Case.
What Judge Gould has been "up against" may be understood in the assertion that the Potomac Electric Light case is probably the most voluminous ever submitted to a court of the District. The case involves not only the valuation of the properties of the company, but the justice of rates to the public. The Public Utilities Commission, in May, 1917, completed its findings upon the valuation of the company. It had spent many months in this work, obtaining the services of well-known experts.

The findings of the Commission were that the fair value of the property of the company as of December 31, 1916, was \$11,231,170.
Company then claimed and still claims that its properties are worth about \$22,000,000, more than double the value fixed by the Commission.
Having fixed the value of the company, the commission proceeded to lower the rate to consumers so that the returns to the company would pay all operating expenses and leave a dividend to the Washington Railway and Electric Company, which owns the company, of about 8 per cent. Dividends of 11 per cent had been paid prior to that time. That is still the rate paid, although in the past year the company did not earn that much.

Testimony Voluminous.
So Judge Gould must pass not only upon the valuation of the company, but upon rates. He has had to go through thousands of pages of testimony and briefs. In the testimony on valuation alone there are nine volumes of over 600 pages to the volume, more than 5,000 pages. There is one brief of 400 pages. In addition is the testimony taken in the rate case, consisting of several thousand pages.

Judge Gould has been compelled to read laboriously through all these records and at the same time handling his share of routine cases coming before the court, decisions upon which had to be rendered as he went along or held for mature study as he could get the time.

This sort of thing has affected his health, as it does the health of all judges under similar strain.
The Department of Justice today fears an epidemic of resignations from Federal courts because of the low salaries paid and the hard work required. Attorney General Gregory, who resigned to resume law practice, had been seeking to better his financial condition, and was among judges under salary, and is urging Congress to increase the salaries. A bill making increases is now before Congress.

Let the Wedding Bells Ring Out

By JEAN KNOTT



POLICE NAB 82 IN TRAFFIC CRUSADE

Eighty-two persons were arrested for violations of traffic regulations yesterday, the first day of the campaign, by the police for prevention of traffic accidents.
The arrests showed an increase of nearly 50 per cent over those for traffic violations during the first sixteen days in January. Many of the traffic violators were released on collateral for their appearance in Police Court today.

Tells "Why" of Accidents.
"Accidents do not happen; they are caused," Major Pullman told the members of his command in the morning bulletin today. "Accidents of all kinds can be traced to carelessness, thoughtlessness, and recklessness."
"Driving at excessive speeds, driving under the influence of liquor, jay walking, not thinking about what you are doing, or how careful you must be at all times to avoid mishaps—these points must impress you with the fact that 'accidents do not happen; they are caused.'"

Need More Motorcycles.
The immediate need of more motorcycles for policemen patrolling the suburbs was pointed out today by Major Pullman. Because of labor conditions making it impossible to have a full quota of policemen to patrol the suburbs, motorists take advantage of the fact by racing their machines at excessive speeds.
Five new motorcycles have been asked for the Police Department in the 1919 congressional appropriation.

CHARITIES HEAD SCORES D. C. CHILD LABOR LAWS

The child labor laws of the District of Columbia, which permit boys to leave school and go to work at a tender age, were scored by Walter S. Ufford, general secretary of the Associated Charities, speaking last night before a meeting of the charities held in Eastern High School.
Forty per cent of the children leaving school, Mr. Ufford said, find employment with the Government. Many of the pages in the Senate are working under permits, he added.
"The Associated Charities is not a soup-dispensing institution, as many seem to think," he said. "It is a body organized with the view of creating better living conditions in the homes of the poor. Our purpose right now is to secure better child labor laws."

TELLS YALE ALUMNI OF CHATEAU THIERRY

The fighting at Chateau Thierry, where "green American soldiers" lived a smashing blow to the Prussian guards from which they never recovered, was vividly described by Col. Robert H. C. Kelton, U.S.A., at the annual meeting of the Washington Alumni Association of Yale University at the University Club, last night.
Colonel Kelton, who was chief of staff of the third division during that period, referred to the work of the American soldiers as "miraculous."
The alumni elected as officers: T. G. Shearman, president; Ernest Knaebel, first vice president; J. H. Sibury, second vice president; J. Maury Dove, Jr., treasurer, and W. C. Miller, secretary; executive committee, W. S. Culbertson, C. C. Glover, Jr., C. H. Hall, Donald McNeale, and Col. George P. Ahern.

PUTS OFF VISIT TO FRONT.
PARIS, Jan. 17.—That he may keep in touch with the peace conference activities, President Wilson has indefinitely postponed his visit to the invaded regions of France.

SELLS PASS; JAILED, SHOOTS INFORMER

CAMP MEADE, Md., Jan. 17.—A brisk traffic in passes which Sergt. William S. Black, colored, carried on among members of the Fifteenth development battalion, has come to light in connection with Black's conviction on the charge of shooting Private Sheddick Holt for exposing the grafting scheme. Black has been sentenced to five years at hard labor.

Black would offer to sell passes for men who had the money to pay for them. Prices ranged from \$1 up, the amount depending upon how anxious the soldier was to go and how much cash he had in his pocket.

Holt bought one, but coming in late, it was taken up by the military police, and the whole trouble was aired in the orderly room. Black warned Holt not to mention the cash transaction, and said he would shoot him if he did. Holt exposed the scheme and Black, rushing into a nearby room, brought out an army rifle and began shooting at the fleeing informer. One bullet lodged in Holt's leg.

Holt was convicted of forging an officers' signature to the passes.

CONG. MADDEN TO SEE TELEGRAPHERS TODAY

Congressman Madden granted a conference today with a committee from the Washington local of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, which has asked Congressional investigation of the operation of the system by Postmaster General Burleson. He will be asked to urge immediate probe.
They charged that working conditions have become so bad that they will no longer submit. From 300,000 to 500,000 workers of the wire system may be affected by whatever action is taken.

\$100,000 FOR HOSPITAL.

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The American Junior Red Cross has turned over \$100,000 for the erection of a children's hospital in Paris.

Twenty German Girls Arrested for Talking To American Soldiers

COBLENZ, Jan. 17.—Because they talked with American soldiers, twenty German girls, who were sweeping the streets at Andernach, have been arrested. General Pershing recently issued strict orders forbidding them to talk with American soldiers.

The arrests have served to emphasize the determination of the American command to permit no fraternization in the occupied regions. Twenty others have already been found guilty and deported to points within the German lines.

START LISTING MEN FOR VICTORY MARCH

Registration of returned soldiers for the parade in honor of President Wilson and Washington troops next month, was started today by Brig. Gen. R. D. Simms, of the District national guard.

Capt. Edward H. Groves, a staff officer of the national guard, is in charge of the enrollment office, room 24, of the District building.

The names, rank, name of organization, and home addresses of the returned soldiers will be taken so that they may be compiled in separate units for parade purposes.
"Because of the limited time available for registration, it is requested that every man in the District, or his parents and friends, file his name at once at the bureau," said Ernest D. Coolidge, of the John W. Thompson Company, who is aiding in the enrollment, today. "The office in the District building will be open daily from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. Plans for the parade will be completed as soon as possible," said Colonel Harper.

BRITAIN NOW HAS 17 SUPER-DESTROYERS

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Great Britain's navy now has seventeen super-destroyers. Censorship heretofore forbade mention of the fact, but all the ships have been designed and launched since the war was declared. The Mackay, recently launched, is capable of maintaining a speed of more than forty miles an hour, and can keep at sea in any kind of weather. Her armament consists of heavy guns of a caliber heretofore used only on battleships.

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